

KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET New Users

KIDSNET welcomes: Mill River Pediatrics and Partners in Family Health Care, Wood River Health Services WIC Program, ENT & Allergy Audiologists, and United Healthcare.

Immunization and Vaccine Updates

New Recommendations for Varicella Vaccine

On August 3, 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued *Provisional Recommendations for the Prevention of Varicella* to further improve protection against disease. Changes include routine two-dose varicella vaccination of children and second dose catch-up varicella vaccination for children, adolescents, and adults who previously received only one dose. The ACIP also expanded recommendations for varicella-containing vaccines to promote wider use of the vaccine for adolescents, adults, and HIV-infected children and approved new criteria for evidence of immunity to varicella. To review the recommendations in full go to:

http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/varicella/varicella_acip_recs_prov_june_2006.pdf.

Guidelines for Use of State-supplied Varicella-containing Vaccines (Varicella, MMRV)

For routine vaccination, give 2 doses at 12-15 months and 4-6 years. As vaccine supply permits, a second dose of varicella vaccine (catch-up) may be administered to children who previously received one dose. The minimum interval recommended between doses for children <13 years of age is 3 months. However, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days following the first dose, the second dose will not need to be repeated. For children ≥13 years of age the recommended interval between doses is 4-8 weeks.

Providers may begin ordering additional varicella vaccine with your next regular monthly order. The Immunization Program asks that you please order enough varicella vaccine to offset your current inventory of MMR and use up those vaccines prior to switching over to MMRV vaccine. MMRV is licensed for children 12 months – 12 years of age and should be used only when **both** vaccines are indicated. We also recommend that you maintain a small quantity of MMR and varicella vaccines as regular inventory items for special situations. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and will help to minimize vaccine and funding loss. Thank you for your continued support of the State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program and your hard work in vaccinating Rhode Island children.

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HPV Vaccine Update

The ACIP has issued recommendations for the newly licensed human papillomavirus virus (HPV) vaccine. The vaccine is given in a series of three injections over a six-month period and is recommended for routine vaccination of girls at 11-12 years of age. The ACIP recommendation also allows for vaccination of girls as early as nine years old as well as vaccination of girls and women 13-26 years old. The Immunization Program is in the process of working with CDC to make this vaccine available through the SSV Program and will notify providers when it is available to order. For more information about HPV vaccine visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/hpv/default.htm>

Influenza Vaccine

ACIP has expanded routine childhood influenza vaccine recommendations to include children 6–59 months of age. Please consider this when preparing your estimates for ordering flu vaccine. You will be receiving additional information about ordering flu vaccine in the next few weeks. To review the 2006-2007 influenza recommendations in full visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5510.pdf>.

Questions? Contact Mark Francesconi, 222- 5988, mark.francesconi@health.ri.gov, for questions about vaccine ordering and supply or Patricia Raymond, RN, 222-5921, patricia.raymond@health.ri.gov, for questions about vaccine recommendations.

Immunization Report

In the month of July, the following 14 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Pediatric Associates, Dr. Dierolf at Aquidneck Medical Portsmouth, Rainbow Peds Pedi Primary Care, St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, Fatima Health Center, Family Doctors of East Providence, Central Health Center, Family Health Services – Cranston, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Primary Care of Quality Hill, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Northwest Health Center, Cumberland Pediatrics, and Dr. John Concannon.**

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on services your patients need.

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In July 2006, the following 18 pediatric practices used this report: **Northwest Health Center, Westerly Pediatrics, Family Treatment Center, Everett Wilcox Center, Cumberland Pediatrics, Smithfield Pediatrics, Fatima Health Center, Dr. Salm – Aquidneck Medical Newport, Primary Care of Quality Hill, Dr. Ullman – Aquidneck Medical Newport, Narragansett Indian Health Center, Bristol County Pediatrics, Warwick – University Medicine, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket, Dr. John Concannon, Wood River Health Services, and Tollgate Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1-800-942-7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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